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LITTLEHAMPTON PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

15 Mill Road,
Worthing.

9th February, 1972.

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Report for the year 1971, prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Department of Health & Social Security.

SECTION 1 - Staff

TABLE A

Name of Officer	Nature of Appointment	Date of Appointment	Qualifications	Any other appointments held
Dr.F.Cockcroft	Port M.O.H.	14.10.63	M.A.,L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S.,D.P.H	M.O.H.L'ton U.D.C. & Worthing R.D.C.
A.M.Tanner	Port Health Inspector	29.9.69	Dip.P.H.I., M.A.P.H.I.	C.P.H.I. Met.Officer, L.U.D.C.
R.Hardman	Assist.Port Health Inspector	14.11.66.	Dip.P.H.I., M.A.P.H.I.	Add.P.H.I., L.U.D.C.
B.Martin	Rodent Operative	28.9.70.- 6.8.71.	-	-
M.Sugden	"	9.8.71.	-	-

Address and telephone number of the Medical Officer of Health) Dr. F. Cockcroft, 28 Bushby Avenue, Rustington, Littlehampton. Tel. Rust. 3644.

SECTION II - Amount of Shipping entering the Port

TABLE B

Ships from	Number	Tonnage	Number inspected		Number of ships reported as having or having had infectious disease on board
			M.O.H.	P.H.Is.	
Foreign Ports	59	14,295	Nil	49	Nil
British	231	64,899	Nil	23	Nil
Total	290	79,194	Nil	72	Nil

N.B. of the coastal shipping, 8 ships visited the port on a total of 208 occasions bringing sea ballast.

SECTION III

Character of Shipping and Trade during the year

Passenger Traffic	Nil
Principal Imports	Granite. Stone. Pumice Limestone. Marble dust. Sea ballast. Bauxite. Salt. Fertiliser. Feeding stuffs. Timber. Wood pulp. Sand.
Exports	Grain. General cargo.
Principal Ports from which ships arrive	Arklow: Ala: Arhus: Aberdeen: Bremen: Belfast: Carnlough: Dean Quarry: Falmouth: Gdansk: Hamina: Hamburg: Jersey: Kenitra: Kiel: Karshamm: Molde: Oskarshamm: Rotterdam: Red Bay: Stettin: and Umea.

SECTION IV

Inland barge Traffic

There is no inland barge traffic using the district.

SECTION V - Water Supply

Water is supplied to shipping direct from the town's mains supply via hoses connected to various draw-off points on all wharfs.

Samples taken from these hoses as well as from ships' tanks proved on analysis to be satisfactory.

SECTION VI

Public Health (Ships) Regulations 1970

1. LIST OF INFECTED AREAS

This list is supplied weekly to the Customs and Excise Officer for the District.

2. RADIO MESSAGES

a) No arrangements have been made for sending permission by radio for ships to enter the district.

b) No arrangements have been made for receiving messages by radio from ships and for acting thereon.

3. NOTIFICATIONS OTHERWISE THAN BY RADIO

Messages are received at the Port by signals.

4. MOORING STATIONS

A Mooring Station has been designated as required by Regulations 22 and 30, and is situated immediately North of the Railway Quay, on the East side of the River Arun. It has been agreed with the Harbour Master that should this berth be in use when required for quarantine, an alternative berth will be found for the vessel then occupying it. The provision of an additional Mooring Station out-side the Harbour is considered impracticable.

5. ARRANGEMENTS FOR -

a) Hospital Accommodation. Arrangements for cases of infectious disease would be made through the local Bed Bureau. This would normally mean accommodation at Swandean, Chichester, Foredown or Portsmouth, but for Plague, Cholera or Yellow Fever, special arrangements would be made.

b) Surveillance and follow up of contacts would be carried out by the Port Health Inspector and the Medical Officer of Health.

c) Cleansing and disinfection of ships, persons clothing and other articles. Arrangements for the cleansing and disinfection of persons, clothing and other articles would be made to meet the situation.

SECTION VII - Smallpox

(1) Name of isolation hospital to which smallpox cases may be sent from the district:

Long Reach Hospital, Dartford, Kent.

(2) Ambulance facilities for smallpox cases are available at the Chichester, Horsham and Worthing Ambulance Stations under the control of the County Council. All ambulance crews are vaccinated every year.

(3) Dr. W.S. Parker, Medical Officer of Health for Brighton is the nearest Smallpox Consultant.

(4) Specimens for pathological examination may be sent to the Public Health Laboratory, Brighton.

SECTION VIII - Veneral Disease

Advice and treatment is available at the Special Treatment Clinic of the Royal West Sussex Hospital, Broyle Road, Chichester as under:-

Mondays	5.30 - 7.00.p.m.
Wednesdays	5.30 - 7.00.p.m.
Saturdays	9.00 - 10.30.p.m.

(no appointment required)

Urgent cases can be seen at other times by special arrangement. Telephone Chichester 88122.

SECTION IX

Cases of Notifiable and other Infectious Diseases on Ships

There have been no cases of notifiable or infectious diseases on any ships visiting this Port.

SECTION X

Observations on the Occurrence of Malaria in Ships

No case of malaria has been reported to the Port Medical Officer during the year.

SECTION XI

Measures taken against ships infected with or suspected for Plague

No case of Plague has been reported to the Port Medical Officer during the year.

SECTION XII

Measures against rodents in ships from foreign ports

No rodents were destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports. No rat infested vessels have entered the port.

TABLE F

De-ratting Certificates and De-ratting Exemption Certificates issued during the year for ships from Foreign Ports

As from 1.8.62. Littlehampton has been approved as a Port for the purpose of issuing both De-ratting and De-ratting Exemption Certificates under the provisions of the Public Health(Ships) Regulations 1970.

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HCN	No. of De-ratting Certificates issued				Number of De-ratting Exemption Certs. issued	Total certif-icates issued
	After fumigation with Other fumigant (state method)	After trap-ping	After poison-ing	Total		
-	-	-	-	Nil	6	6

SECTION XIII

TABLE G

Inspection and Notices

Nature and Number of Inspections		Notices served		Results
		Statutory	Informal	
Foreign	49	Nil	1	Not known
Coastal	23	Nil	1	
Total	72	Nil	2	

Whilst it is difficult to ensure proper compliance with an informal notice because of the short time during which a ship is in port, due note is made in the records of unsatisfactory conditions and should the ship return to this Port, the Inspecting Officer has particular regard to the matter previously brought to the Captain's attention.

SECTION XIV

Public Health (Shell-fish) Regulations 1934 and 1948

None

SECTION XV

Medical Inspection of Aliens

Not applicable

SECTION XVI

Arrangements for the burial on shore of persons who have died on board ship from Infectious Disease.

None

There was no illness reported on any ship entering the port.

Liaison with the Harbour Master and the Customs Officer has been extremely good and I should like to thank Captain Ward and Mr. Greenman for their continued co-operation.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

F. COCKCROFT

Port Medical Officer of Health

To the Chairman and Members of the
Littlehampton Port Health Authority.

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